

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 21, 2003

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF AHMAD M. SALEM
FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
COCOT SERVICES IN TENNESSEE**

**DOCKET NO.
00-00575**

Company ID: 128605

**ORDER REVOKING AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COCOT SERVICES
IN TENNESSEE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF FEES**

This matter came before Director Pat Miller, Director Sara Kyle and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on September 22, 2003, to revoke the authority of Ahmad M. Salem to offer Customer Owned Coin or Coinless Operated Telephone ("COCOT") service in Tennessee due to non-payment of fees.

Ahmad M. Salem originally filed an Application to provide COCOT service within the State of Tennessee on July 5, 2000. During a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 15, 2000, the Directors found that Ahmad M. Salem had met all the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-2-.43 through 1220-4-2-.45 to provide COCOT service in Tennessee.

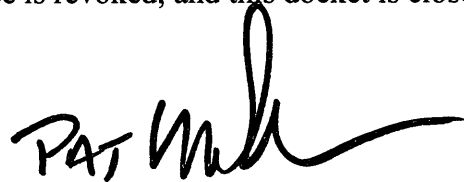
Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-301, every owner or operator of a public pay telephone shall submit to the TRA an annual inspection and supervision fee for each service location on or before July 1 of each year. A notice advising Ahmad M. Salem of the failure to comply with the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-301 was mailed via certified mail on

August 22, 2003. Ahmad M. Salem failed to respond. As a result of this failure, this matter was placed on the September 22, 2003 Authority Conference for the voting panel assigned to this docket to consider revocation of the authority of Ahmad M. Salem to provide COCOT service due to non-payment of fees.


Based upon careful consideration of the record of this matter, the panel voted unanimously to revoke the authority of Ahmad M. Salem to provide COCOT service in Tennessee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

As a result of the non-payment of fees, the authority granted to Ahmad M. Salem to provide COCOT service within the State of Tennessee is revoked, and this docket is closed.



Pat Miller, Director



Sara Kyle, Director



Ron Jones, Director